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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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DWPI, JAPIO: G02B/-, G02F 1/- & keywords [(birefringen+)(s)(prism?, wedge?), polaris+, polariz+, (divid+, combin+, switch+, isolat+, attenuat+, split+, separat+)(s)(beam?, light); (optic+)(lw)(axis, axes)]

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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